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LETTER DATED 16 JUNE 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 1-10 June 1995.

1 June 1995

1. Northern region: 13 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Shatrah, Hamzah, Shanafiyah, Lasaf and Samawah.

3. On 1 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0745 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0850 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1045 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1150 hours.

2 June 1995

1. Northern region: 9 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

3 June 1995

Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

4 June 1995

1. Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Jalibah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Rifa'i, Shanafiyah and Salman.

2. On 4 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1055 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1205 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1423 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1525 hours.

3. At 1620 and 1645 hours on 4 June 1995, two hostile formations dropped four heat flares in the Shu'aybah area of Basra Governorate.

5 June 1995

1. Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Amadiyah, Irbil, Zakho and Ayn Zalah.

2. Southern region: 40 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah, Samawah, Amarah, Nasiriyah, Rumaythah and Salman.

3. On 5 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0855 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1038 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1223 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1353 hours.

4. At 0930 hours on 5 June 1995, a hostile formation twice broke the sound barrier over neighbourhoods in Muthanna Governorate, breaking window-panes and causing alarm and panic among residents.

6 June 1995

1. Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 79 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

3. On 6 June 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0845 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1012 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1202 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1350 hours.

The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1250 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1315 hours.

7 June 1995

1. Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Irbil, Mosul, Aqrah and Tall Afar.

2. Southern region: 50 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Samawah, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

8 June 1995

1. Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Zakho, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Shaqlawah.

2. Southern region: 84 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi, Salman, Shanafiyah, Busayyah and Chabaish.

3. On 8 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0900 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1028 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1228 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1335 hours.

9 June 1995

1. Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

2. Southern region: 57 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

3. On 9 June 1995, three United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0930 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1102 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1210 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1327 hours.

The third flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1347 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1415 hours.

10 June 1995

1. Southern region: 79 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Amarah, Samawah, Chabaish, Artawi, Shu'aybah and Nasiriyah.

2. On 10 June 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0817 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 0925 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1120 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1243 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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